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1. WE ARE TRANSMITTING SEPTTEL FULL PROGRAM NOTES AS REQUESTED PARA 1 REFTTEL.

2. CONDUCTOR, MANAGEMENT, AND MEMBERS OF ORCHESTRA WERE GIVEN LENGTHY BRIEFING (AS SUGGESTED PARA 3) ON AUGUST 25 BY REPRESENTATIVES OF DEPARTMENT (HARDING) AND NATIONAL COMMITTEE (MURRAY). CHINESE RELUCTANCE OR INABILITY TO PROVIDE ADVANCE NOTICE ON ITINERARY AND IDENTITY OF HIGH RANKING CHINESE OFFICIALS LIKELY TO BE PRESENT WAS EXPLAINED. MOST OF ORCHESTRA'S QUESTIONS DEALT WITH FOOD AND ACCOMMODATIONS.

3. ORCHESTRA GAVE WESTERN HEMISPHERE PREMIERE OF "YELLOW RIVER CONCERTO" ON EVENING OF AUGUST 25 AT SARATOGA SPRINGS. PROGRAM WAS TAPED BY ORCHESTRA FOR FUTURE RADIO USE. NEWSPAPERS AND MAGAZINES ALSO COVERED EVENT, AS DID VOA WHICH PLANS TO REPORT THE PREMIERE BUT NOT TO BROADCAST.

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CAST THE MUSIC. MUSIC CRITIC PAUL HUME, IN WASHINGTON

POST OF AUGUST 27, CALLED CONCERTO "SCHMALTZ", "KITSCH", OR "SCHLOCK", TERMED LAST MOVEMENT "SHEER, UNMITIGATED BILGE", AND CONCLUDED THAT A COMMITTEE CANNOT WRITE A CONCERTO, BUT HE SAID THE PHILADELPHIA ORCHESTRA'S PERFORMANCE BROUGHT DOWN THE HOUSE, AND COMMENTED THAT IF THE CONCERTO WERE RECORDED, IT WOULD PROBABLY BECOME A "RUNAWAY BEST-SELLER". HUME ALSO MADE PASSING REFERENCE TO "WORKERS AND PEASANTS MARCH" AND SAID IT WAS NOT COMPETITIVE WITH THE ORCHESTRA'S PERFORMANCE OF SOUSA'S "STARS AND STRIPES" WHICH WAS, AS PERFORMED THAT EVENING AT SARATOGA SPRINGS, ACCORDING TO HUME "ONE OF THE GREATEST PERFORMANCES OF THE MARCH I HAVE EVER HEARD; THE ORCHESTRA PLANS TO PLAY THIS IN CHINA.

4. THE ORCHESTRA ADVISES THAT WHEN PROGRAM III IS PERFORMED THERE MUST BE A PIANO ON STAGE FOR THE "PINES OF ROME", WHETHER OR NOT YELLOW RIVER CONCERTO IS PERFORMED. PIANO MUST BE TUNED, OF COURSE, TO PITCH OF 441 (RPT FOUR FOUR ONE).

5. ORCHESTRA MANAGEMENT ALSO NOTES THAT PLANE WITH EQUIPMENT MAY ARRIVE IN PEKING BEFORE CHARTER FLIGHT WITH MUSICIANS. ORCHESTRA HAS NO OBJECTION TO CARGO BEING UNLOADED BY CHINESE, BUT REQUESTED THAT WE REMIND PRC AUTHORITIES THAT PLANE'S CARGO INCLUDES MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS AND SHOULD BE STORED ACCORDINGLY.

6. THERE ARE TWO CORRECTIONS OF PASSPORT INFORMATION PREVIOUSLY PROVIDED YOU. PASSPORT OF LUIS BIAVA, REPORTED AS VENEZUELAN IN DEPARTMENT'S 153751, IS COLOMBIAN PASSPORT NUMBER F027935. NAME OF TV NEWS REPORTER KATALEN MARTIN WETZEL (SO REPORTED IN STATE 156745) IS LISTED IN HER PASSPORT AS KATI MARTON WETZEL. PRCLO HAS BEEN ADVISED OF BOTH THESE CORRECTIONS.

7. WE NOTE A MESSAGE OF GREETINGS TO THE CHINESE PEOPLE WAS INCLUDED IN PROGRAM OF AT LEAST ONE OF SYMPHONIES WHICH PERFORMED IN CHINA THIS YEAR. WE ARE NOT PLANNING SUCH A MESSAGE FROM EITHER ORMANDY OR SENIOR U.S. OFFICIAL. IF SUCH MESSAGE DESIRABLE, ASSUME YOU WILL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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